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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001-02 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 814

## **Introduced by Assembly Member Havice**

February 22, 2001

An act to amend Section 12684.2 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 814, as amended, Havice. Flood control: Los Angeles County Drainage Area.

Existing law adopts and authorizes the project for flood control in the Los Angeles County Drainage Area, in accordance with specified requirements, at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state cooperation, but makes the authorization of the project contingent upon the adoption of a specified restoration plan by Los Angeles County. Existing law requires the county, in preparing and implementing the plan, to consider the comments of an advisory committee convened by the Secretary of the Resources Agency.

This bill would delete the requirements that the county consider the comments of an advisory committee and the requirement that the secretary convene that advisory committee.

The bill would require the restoration plan to include habitat restoration and maintenance projects, and increased parkland and recreational opportunities, along the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries within the territory of the existing San Gabriel and Lower AB 814 — 2 —

Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and within 1,000 feet of the river and tributary channels. The bill would prohibit any other state conservancy or similar state agency from working within the territory of the conservancy without the prior written approval of the conservancy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12684.2 of the Water Code is amended 2 to read:

12684.2. (a) The project for flood control in the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA), known as the LACDA project, is adopted and authorized substantially in accordance with the approval of the Congress of the United States as indicated in, and the report of the Chief of Engineers dated June 30, 1992, and any supplement or addendum to that report that results from discussions between interested parties, as authorized by, Section 101(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-640), at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state cooperation, upon the recommendation and advice of the department, in an amount that may not exceed 60 percent of the nonfederal costs of the project.

- (b) The authorization of the project is contingent upon the adoption by Los Angeles County of a plan to undertake restoration projects, including related habitat restoration and maintenance projects, along the entire length of the Los Angeles River and related tributaries and to increase parkland and recreational opportunities along that river. projects, and to increase parkland and recreational opportunities, along the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries within the territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and within 1,000 feet of the river and tributary channels. No other state conservancy or similar state agency may work within the territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy without the prior written approval of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
- (c) The authorization of the project is contingent upon a determination by the Secretary of the Resources Agency, and the

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- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, after a public hearing, that the project described in subdivision (a) is a multipurpose
- 3 project that includes, in addition to flood control features, river
- 4 restoration, wildlife and habitat restoration, or park and
- 5 recreational features.